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School of International Studies

Mr. William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:


During the period March 31 through April 5, 1985, 90 officers from our Foreign Area Officer (FAO) Course and from the School of International Studies faculty will be in Washington on our semi-annual Interagency Field Trip. This trip, an integral part of the FAO educational program, is designed to acquaint the officers and their spouses with operations of selected activities having an interface with the FAO specialty.

For your information, a fact sheet about the FAO Course, the class profile, and a tentative itinerary for our trip are enclosed. Along with our official visits, an informal cocktail party has been planned at the Fort Myer Officers' Club on April 4, 1985, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We will be honored if you and your wife can join the students and faculty, along with their spouses and other Washington area friends of the Special Warfare Center.

Preliminary coordination has been made with Ms. Wilma Garvey, Special Programs Officer, Office of Training, to arrange our visit to the Central Intelligence Agency from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 2, 1985. Copies of security clearance rosters and a list of questions/topics for discussion with regional specialists will be provided to Ms. Garvey.

We are grateful for your continued support of the Center's educational mission and look forward to seeing you during the upcoming Washington trip.

Respectfully,


ROBERT D. WIEGAND
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

— Enclosures

THE FOREIGN AREA OFFICER (FAO) SPECIALTY AND THE FAO COURSE

Some Background on Army Officer Education and Training

US Army officers are educated and trained throughout their military careers based on their own qualifications and desires, and the needs of the service. The program within which this education and training is conducted is called the Officer Personnel Management System (OPMS). Among its provisions is the requirement for officers to become qualified in two separate and distinct functional areas. "Dual Specialization" - as it is called - provides the Army with professionalization and needed flexibility in utilizing its officer manpower over time.

An officer begins his initial specialization (called his INSPEC) at entry, and thereafter periodically receives additional education and training in that specialty for the remainder of his military service. In his seventh year of commissioned service, the officer - having a firm foundation in his INSPEC - begins education and training in an additional specialty (called his ADSPEC). This training will vary, depending on the ADSPEC selected and the needs of the individual officer. But in almost all comparisons, the ADSPEC education and training for the FAO officer is more formalized, extended in time, and demanding than that found in other specialties. Therefore, the FAO ADSPEC selection process is extremely thorough and results in selectees whose prior records strongly suggest that they can fully accomplish all FAO pre-deployment educational requirements and succeed in the unique arena of the FAO soldier-statesman-scholar.

The FAO Specialty

The Foreign Area Officer Specialty produces officers qualified for assignment to positions requiring substantial politico-military awareness, interdisciplinary analytic skills, a language proficiency, and detailed knowledge of a specific foreign area. Foreign Area Officer assignment positions are located throughout the Departments of the Army, Defense and State, elsewhere in the US Government, and with allied or Host Country activities abroad.

Foreign Area Officer Program training includes the following: (1) an advanced degree in area studies or other FAO-related discipline at selected universities in the United States and abroad; (2) the Foreign Area Officer Course at the Institute, where interdisciplinary analytic skills are honed and practiced; (3) language training, and (4) 1-to-2 years travel, research and study in the FAO's overseas area of specialization. Only when all four educational phases are accomplished is a FAO qualified for a utilization assignment.

The FAO Course

Course Description: The 21 week/1-day Foreign Area Officer Course is best understood in terms of educating a Foreign Area Officer as opposed to developing

a specific area specialist. The course is designed to provide the FAO with the ability to analyze foreign policy and national security issues as they are affected by political, economic, military, and sociocultural events. A combined military officer and civilian professor faculty conducts all instruction.

The course begins with descriptive presentations on the FAO specialty, followed by detailed instruction in social science research methodology and communications. Next, fundamental building blocks for understanding human interrelationships are developed and then applied at the intranational level in analyzing human behavior, social groups, economics and political systems.

Following this preliminary period, multidisciplinary instruction shifts to the international arena, starting with international economic and international relations theory and followed by US foreign policy and security assistance. At about midway in the course, the class conducts a one week visit to Washington, DC; students meet with principals of the Armed Forces and other government agencies, members of Congress, selected foreign embassies and representatives of domestic and international business and labor. After the Washington visit the class moves into a study of international law, crisis response management and international terrorism.

The course closes with a three-day International Affairs Symposium which brings together experts from business, government and academia to discuss selected key issues of international significance. The symposia results are published in the semiannual USAIMA Proceedings, a summary and digest of the class's investigative effort for that period.

Throughout the course, area studies seminars are extensively used as workshops for testing the analytical tools acquired during the disciplinary classes. The map attached to this fact sheet shows how the Area Studies seminars subdivide the world arena.

Participation by Dependents in the FAO Course Instruction: Spouses of Foreign Area Officer Course students are welcome to participate in virtually all FAO instruction, but especially the area studies instruction and guest speaker presentations. Spouses also are encouraged to participate in the Washington Interagency Field Trip.

Recommendation for Accreditation: Since 1973, the Commission on Accreditation of Service Experience (CASE) of the American Council on Education has evaluated the FAO Course as equivalent to six semester hours of graduate work or twenty-four semester hours of upperdivision undergraduate work. A significant number of major universities have provided FAO graduates with such credit as they have pursued further civil schooling.

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FOREIGN AREA OFFICER PROGRAM/RESERVE COMPONENT (FAOP/RC)

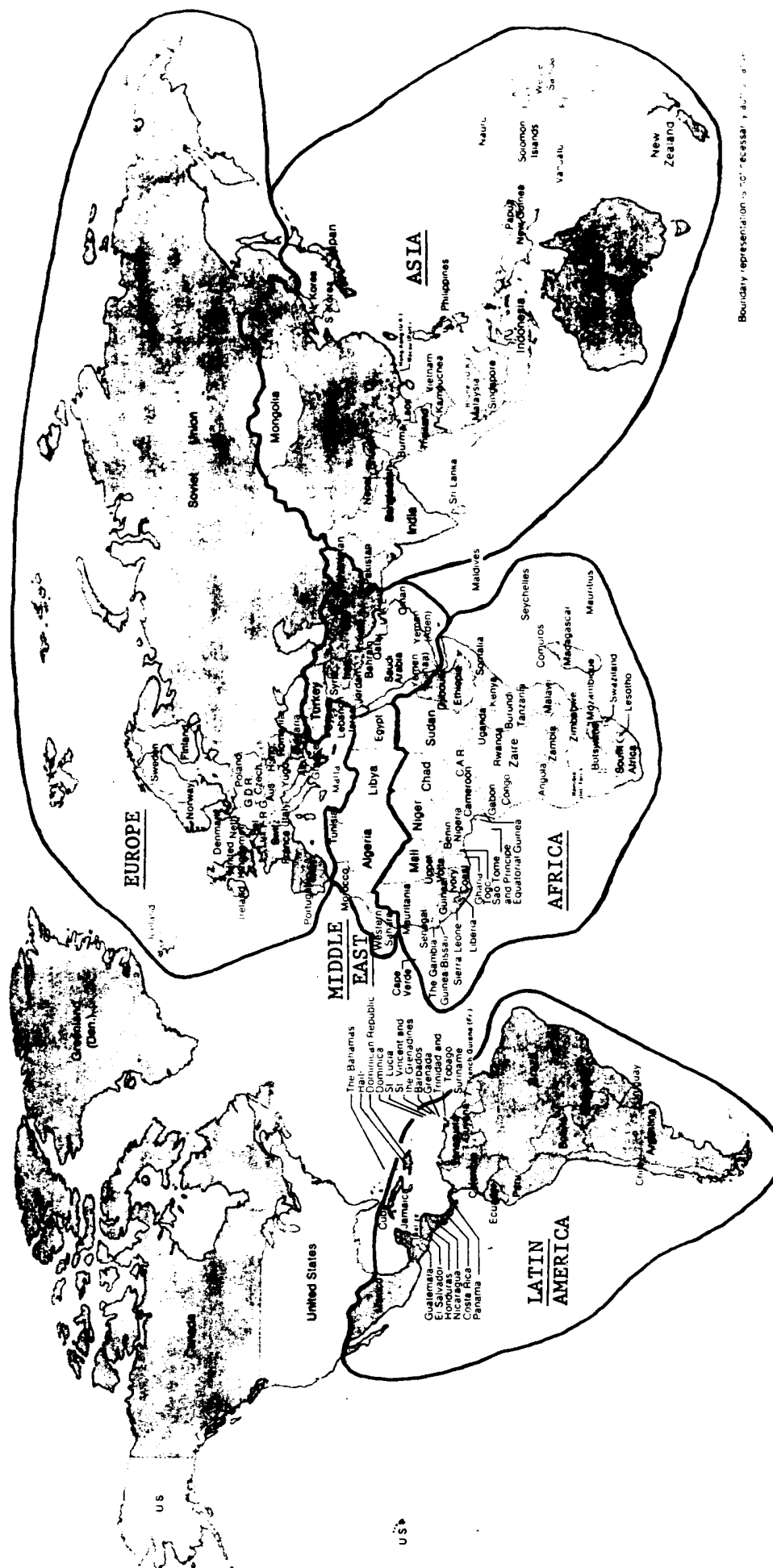
The FAOP/RC Course is conducted by USAIMA for Reserve Component officer (ARNGUS or USAR) selected by CG, RCPAC under prerequisites established by AR 135-11. The FAOP/RC Course encompasses two nonresident phases (I and III) and two resident phases (II and IV).

a. Nonresident phases: Phase I requires students to prepare and submit typewritten responses to ten assigned discussion topics based on directed readings and a recommended, selected biography. Phase III requires students to prepare and submit an original research paper (25-30 pages) on a current events topic mutually agreed upon by the student and his/her appointed Area Seminar Director.

b. Resident phases:

(1) Phase II, FAOP/RC, is conducted four times annually (twice during each Regular Component FAO course), once during weeks 6 and 7 (Phase IIA) and again during weeks 16 and 17 (Phase IIB). To attend Phase IIA, FAOP/RC members must have a Masters degree in Area Studies, or equivalent experience, since at this time Regular FAO course students will be in an advanced area studies phase. "Equivalent experience" would include one year or more residence in a foreign country/countries, extensive travel in and contact with local populace of foreign countries, or extensive area study and analysis (short of an actual masters degree). All FAOP/RC members (with or without Area Studies Masters degree) may attend Phase IIB at which time a basic area overview will be conducted. To be eligible for either Phase II session, FAOP/RC members must have received a completion certificate for Phase I not later than 30 days prior to the Phase II report date.

(2) Phase IV FAOP/RC is conducted two times annually once per Regular FAOC during weeks 21 and 22 to allow FAOP/RC members to participate in the International Affairs Symposium and the course graduation exercise. To be eligible for Phase IV attendance, FAOP/RC members must have received completion certificates for Phases I, II and III not later than 30 days prior to the Phase IV report date.



Appendix 1 to FAO Specialty Letter

PROFILE
FOREIGN AREA OFFICER COURSE 1-85
7 JANUARY 1985 - 7 JUNE 1985

RANK: LTC 1 MAJ 15 CPT 47 CIV 1 CLASS TOTAL: 64

SOURCE OF COMMISSION: USMA ROTC OCS NAT'L GUARD DIRECT
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YEARS IN SERVICE: HIGH LOW AVERAGE AGE: HIGH LOW AVERAGE
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BRANCH: AG 2 AR 6 AD 2 AV 9 IN 3 IA 11 II 1 IN 21 MI 4 OD 2 OM 1 SC 1

COMPONENT: RA 51 AR-VOL/INDET 12

COMBAT EXPERIENCE (MONTHS): VIETNAM
138

ADVISORY EXPERIENCE (MONTHS): BRAZIL
24

MILITARY EDUCATION: C&GSC CAREER OFFICER CRS
12 49

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: ARABIC-EGYPTIAN FRENCH GERMAN INDONESIAN SPANISH-AMERICAN
1 5 3 2 17
POLISH RUSSIAN THAI
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MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED SINGLE
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CIVILIAN EDUCATION: DOCTORATE MASTERS DEGREE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE
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